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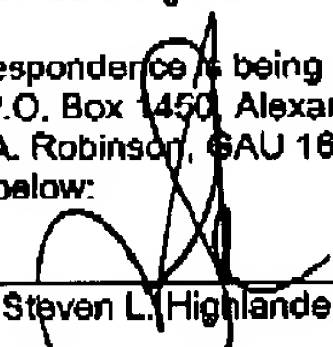
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HIGHLY CATIONIC BETA DEFENSIN ANTIMICROBIAL PEPTIDE" by  
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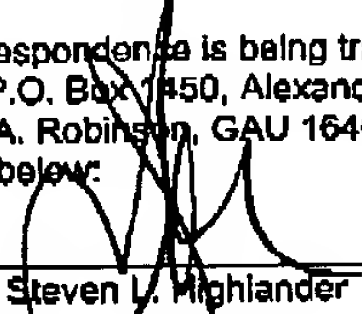
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